



DPS Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony

Monday, May 2, 2011

Gov. Jan Brewer

I'm honored to join all of you in paying respects to our DPS fallen officers – those who died in service to Arizona -- and those who sacrificed all they could offer -- in the line of duty.

Service and sacrifice.

Those two words have called us together this morning, as we honor Highway Patrol heroes -- Officers of a very special calling.

They SERVED justice.

They SACRIFICED their lives in defense of all we hold dear.

And, we are here to remember them, and embrace their families – and we are here to remind ourselves what courage really is.

Our fallen officers brought help to the desperate cries of strangers.

They set standards for valor that can never be challenged.

They put on the uniform, knowing it drew them close to danger and unknown threats which waited in the darkness, or at the next milepost.

Each name of the twenty-eight names on this memorial tells us a story of wonderful lives lived, and of friends and families left behind.

Arizona honors their memory today, and we will always remember what they have left in our hearts – and what we can never repay -- a glorious memory of ... SERVICE and SACRIFICE.

May God bless their memory -- may He bless you and your families, and our Great State of Arizona.

And may God always bless and protect the United States of America.

Thank you.